



SAGE Village News

Sheffield — Alford — Great Barrington — Egremont

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Sheffield information session postponed

Until further notice

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Update

Obviously, everything has changed since our last newsletter. We hope to reschedule our information session in Sheffield, but, of course, we have no idea when that will be.

We are considering holding information sessions via Zoom. More about that in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, you can watch [a video of the Great Barrington information session.](#)

For more information, visit [Villages of the Berkshires website](#)

We are offering help. And Villages of the Berkshires needs help.

SAGE Village and Villages of the Berkshires (VoB) are working to help members and prospective members deal with social isolation and the struggles of keeping daily life going. For some that means a phone call, for others, it might mean helping to find resources.

We hope you are staying well and staying in. If there's a way we can help make your life easier, please be in touch with us. You can email a member of the committee by clicking on their name in the list above. Or you can call Susanna Oppen at 413-446-7500.

If you are on the VoB master list, you might be one of the over hundred people they have called directly to check in and see how Villages can help. The SAGE Village committee has chosen to reach out via this newsletter rather than calling individuals. Please know that we don't have extensive resources, but we do have willingness and time. Maybe you'd just like to chat with a fellow senior. Perhaps you would like a daily check-in call. Or, would you like to volunteer to call others? In any event, [let us know](#).

Villages at a crossroads

Since its inception in 2017, the Villages' board and volunteers have invested thousands of hours building a self-help organization directly targeted at assisting older Berkshire adults to remain in their homes safely and comfortably as they age.

The VoB board anticipated the support of grant funding. But, because of COVID-19, priorities have shifted, and it is now highly unlikely that VoB will receive the anticipated support. At the same time, VoB anticipates an increase in the need for the kinds of services Villages plans to provide.

Please contribute whatever you can. You can make a donation online at [the VoB website](#). Or, send your check to: Villages of the Berkshires, PO Box 1821, Lenox, MA 01240. Thanks in advance for all you can do to help sustain the village concept in the Berkshires.

If you have any questions or suggestions, [be in touch](#).